



Holy Family
St. Joachim's
St. Anne's

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving and merciful God, we come before you in prayer, lifting up your servant Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the source of all healing and we ask you to surround him with your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading your Church.

LIVE LENT

Lenten reflection with Fr Elio Capra, all Wednesdays from 5th March - 16th April at 7:00pm at the church. This is a great opportunity to reflect on life and live the Lenten spirit.



Exciting News! Our Parish Has a New Website!

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new parish website! This online space has been designed to keep you informed, connected, and engaged with our parish community.

What You'll Find on Our Website:

Mass Schedules & Events – Stay updated on Mass times, special celebrations, and parish gatherings.

News & Announcements – Get the latest parish updates, important messages, and community news.

Sacraments & Ministries – Find information about baptisms, weddings, sacraments, and parish ministries.

Online Giving – Conveniently support our parish with online donations.

Resources for Prayer & Reflection – Explore spiritual reflections, daily readings, and faith resources.

We invite you to visit our website **[https://](https://www.melbcatholic.org/seaford)**

www.melbcatholic.org/seaford and explore all that it has to offer. Please check regularly for updates and new content!

Thank you for being part of our parish family. May this website be a tool to strengthen our faith and keep us connected.

We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and donations.

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to:
St. Anne's Church

BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.

As reference please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your full name.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through the QR code Or the below link

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj6iAAD>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 9/03/2025 \$ 4230.00



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

Welcome to St Anne's Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Bernadette O'Shea, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Catherine Britt, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Jacqueline Ware, Alfred & Maryann Zammit, Allyson Joel, Roman Rzepka, Teresa Gorska, Frank Bartosy, Siyumi.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Loreto Hersoma, Allan Bartholomeusz, Fitzroy De Alwis** and for all those who have died recently **Patrick Joseph O'Brien.**
Rest in Peace. Amen.



NEWS FROM MELBOUNRE SEMINARY

We are delighted to inform you that 5 new seminarians joined Corpus Christi College this year for the Archdiocese of Melbourne: Alex Sgro, Liam Bui, Ben Eid, Chris Fernando and Thiago Carvalho. They have settled down well into the rhythm of seminary life.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Please pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Piety Stall

We have received different supplies of rosaries in containers. Standing Crucifixes of different sizes.

Books and booklets on Lives of the Saints for children of various ages. Coming soon booklets/ books suitable for Lenten reading.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

22nd March & 23rd March

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Bezlin. M / Peter. M

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius. A, Liam. D, Ashley. M

Altar Servers: Alden / Issac

8:30am Mass

Readers: Lily. D / Fina. A

Eucharistic Minister: Sam. F, Braydan. H, Jeff. H

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: Emily. F / Pauline. A

Eucharistic Minister: Benson. H, Franklyn. W, Marylin. V

Altar Servers: Gabrina / Shenoli

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **2nd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 12: 1 - 4

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1: 8 -10

Gospel: Mt 17: 1 - 9

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **3rd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ex 17: 3 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Rom 5: 1 - 2, 5 - 8

Gospel: Jn 4: 5 - 42

Pilgrimage to Cathedral

With hearts full of faith and gratitude, we invite you to join us on a special **pilgrimage to St. Patrick cathedral** in this **Year of Jubilee**. This is a sacred time of renewal, grace, and spiritual blessings, and our journey together will be an opportunity to deepen our faith, seek God's mercy, and strengthen our bond as a parish family.

Let us walk this path with joy, prayer, and reflection, embracing the grace of this Jubilee year. **May our pilgrimage be a time of encounter with Christ and a renewal of our commitment to Him.**

Details of the Pilgrimage:

- ❑ **Date:** April 5th
- ❑ **Meeting Point:** Seaford railway station
- ❑ **Departure Time:** 10:05 am
- ❑ **Mass :** 11:30 am
- ❑ **Highlights:** Holy Mass, special prayers, and moments of reflection

We encourage everyone to participate—families, young and old—so that together, we may experience the abundant mercy of God.

To confirm your participation please sign up.

May this pilgrimage bring us closer to God and fill our hearts with His love and peace.

Children's Liturgy and Mass

We warmly welcome families with young children to join us for our Children's Liturgy at all Sunday 10:00 am Masses! This special time allows children to engage with the Word of God in a way that is joyful, meaningful, and suited to their understanding.



We also invite you to our Children's Mass on March 30th at 10:00 am, where our little ones will have a special role in worship through prayers, readings, and music. It will be a beautiful opportunity for them to grow in faith and feel a deeper connection to our parish community.

Blessings,
Children's liturgy Team

Lent

Lent: is a sacred season of spiritual renewal, calling the faithful to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars of Lenten observance help us to grow in faith, discipline, and charity.

Prayer draws us closer to God, allowing us to reflect on Christ's sacrifice and seek His guidance. Whether through personal devotions, Scripture reading, or communal worship (Mass), prayer strengthens our

hearts and minds in preparation for Easter.

Fasting is a form of self-discipline that reminds us of Christ's sacrifice and helps us detach from worldly comforts. It is not only about abstaining from food but also about making sacrifices in our daily lives to focus more on God and others.

Almsgiving, a central aspect of Lent, calls us to show Christ's love in action. It is an opportunity to share our blessings with those in need, mirroring Jesus' compassion for the poor and marginalized.

This Lent, our parish is supporting initiatives like *Project Compassion*, which provides aid to vulnerable communities, and the *Parish Winter Shelter program*, which offers warmth and care to the homeless during the colder months. By giving generously—whether through financial support, donations, or volunteering—we become instruments of God's mercy, bringing hope to those in need.

As we journey through Lent, let us embrace prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with sincere hearts, seeking not only personal transformation but also the well-being of others in the spirit of Christ's love.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

For more information please visit our new website



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent

15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Photo credit: Caritas Australia

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday & Friday 9:15am Mass

Silent Adoration 5:30 pm - 6:30pm

**Friday 6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 Station of the Cross**

**Saturday 5:25 pm Rosary followed
by Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30 pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass

**3rd Sunday 10:30am Filipino Mass
(at Holy Family Hall)**

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 6:00 - 8:00pm Marian Cenacle Group

Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30pm RCIA Session

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm Lenten Reflection

**Thursday 1:00-2:00pm Blg Maintenance Committee
6:30 - 7:00pm F & Mission Committee**

**Friday 7:00 - 8:00pm MenAlive Group
6:00- 700 pm Youth Group at
Holy Family Hall**

Saturday 3:45 - 5:00pm Senior Legion of Mary



'More than a place to stay'

A local church initiative to provide crisis shelter and community for people experiencing homelessness over winter.

Together, we express the love of Jesus by providing:

A warm place to sleep • Dinner • Shower and toiletries • Breakfast and a lunch pack
A welcoming community environment

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Can you help with any of the following?

- Drive a mini bus • Collect food • Cook • Set up beds • Chat with guests over dinner
- Stay half the night to supervise sleep area

Shift Times Monday - Saturday:

Cooking	5:30pm - 8pm
Hosting	5:30pm - 10pm
Night shift A	9:50pm - 2am
Night Shift B	1:55am - 6am
Morning Shift	6am - 8:30am
Laundering sheets	once a week between Friday - Sunday
Sourcing food/ picking up food	any time during the week
Driving the bus to pick up guests	5:15pm - 6:15pm
Driving bus to drop guests back to Frankston centre	8:15am - 9 am

Email us at frankstonws@gmail.com or apply directly using the QR code



Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025

Dates and timings: Work on the timetabling is ongoing, however, we can advise that the Festival will commence on Sunday 30 November (afternoon) and finish on Tuesday 2 December (late evening).

Venue announcement: We are delighted to announce that the Festival will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). MCEC is located in the south-west edge of the Melbourne CBD, on the banks of the Yarra River. Helpfully, it is widely accessible via trams, trains (via Southern Cross Station or Flinders Street Station), bus access (with drop off zones) and walking paths along the Southbank precinct.

Registration: Group registration for the Festival will officially open in early May 2025. We are able to advise that indicative pricing will range from \$390-410 per person for the entire Festival with access to all areas and experiences. Groups will be responsible for all travel to/from the Festival as well as organising any accommodation needs. Meals from vendors at the venue will be available at additional cost.



Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

Please find Confirmation and Holy Eucharist Enrolment form in the foyer of the Church. Please do not hesitate to contact the office for more details regarding other sacraments. Forms can also be downloaded from our new website.

Program	First Eucharist	Confirmation
Enrolment form go out	4 th March	4 th March
Enrolment Mass 1	22/23 March	22/23 March
Enrolment Mass 2	29/30 March	29/30 March
Preparation Evening	28 th April	1 st April